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ISRAELI LEADER IN GERMANY: Abba Eban, Israeli Foreign Minister, viewing a photograph of concentration camp prisoners at Dachau near Munich.

Canada, Switzerland: act now against air pirates

ARAB TERROR BOOMERANGS

Nixon, Pompidou discuss threat to world commerce

By the CJN diplomatic editor

The killing of innocent travellers by Arab terrorist bands in Switzerland last weekend has boomeranged against the extremist anti-Israeli organizations.

* The primary objective of the air pirates, to disrupt travel in the Middle East, and especially air traffic to Israel, has not succeeded. All airlines are continuing their regular flights. There are certain restrictions on freight and mail, but these are temporary.

* The Canadian government, and the government of Switzerland, are leading world opinion in their demands for urgent legal measures to end this new menace to peaceful passengers.

* In London, England, air terminal employees have stopped all traffic to eight Arab countries as a reprisal against the latest terrorist outrage. Pilots are threatening an international air strike unless safety measures are promulgated immediately.

* In Berne, a spokesman for the Swiss government declared that his country will press for an immediate international conference to safeguard air communications.

* Secret conferences are now being held in Washington, London, and at the International Air Traffic Association, in Montreal's Dorchester St.

* President Nixon, who seems to be impressed by the dignity of the pro-Israeli protest against his guest, President Pompidou, placed the problem firmly before the French leader during their talks in Washington Tuesday.

(A dispatch from Russia indicates that the Soviet Union seems disturbed about the possibility of an understanding between the United States and France. Moscow radio threatened France not to fall for the American trap regarding its Middle East policy.)

* President Pompidou, it is reported, told confidants: that with respect to the United States there are "raisons de coeur" (emotional problems) as well as political considerations which must guide French policy vis-à-vis the United States.

* On Tuesday evening, as this article is written, it is almost certain that the warning by Premier Golda Meir of Israel -- that no planes will fly in the Middle East unless Israel is assured of freedom of the skies -- has borne fruit.

* Diplomatic experts at the United Nations compare the present situation with that during the days preceeding the Six Day War. Secretary-General U Thant, who hurried back from Burma to East River, is reported to have told Russia that Israel will not permit a closing of its air routes just as it did not allow Nasser to blockade the seaways in 1967.

* Meanwhile Tito and Nasser discussed a new American peace proposal. Their negotiations were covered with a smoke-screen of belligerent anti-Israel talk. Diplomats say Tito carried with him a new plan -- and a warning -- from U.S. Secretary Rogers whom the Yugoslav Community leader met recently in Addis Ababa.

* Although tension in the Middle East is mounting, for the first time voices are heard in the Arab world demanding a sane, realistic approach towards Israel.

GOLDA MEIR: NO ARAB PLANES WILL FLY IF ATTACKS CONTINUE

The Canadian government issued a statement Monday night strongly condemning the Arab guerilla attack on a Swissair aircraft and asked the International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.) to take measures to prevent any more such deliberate attacks on innocent air travellers.

The civilized world is aroused and dismayed by this latest outrage committed against passengers on board the aircraft en route from Zurich to Tel Aviv. This dastardly act, committed by the self-styled commandos of an Arab terrorist organization, has convinced the world and all civilized governments that appeasing the Arab extremists may bring about a calamity affecting all in the Middle East; both Jews and non-Jews, Israelis and non-Israelis.

In Montreal the I.A.T.A. went on record in condemning the mass murder committed by the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization's General Command. This organization, together with nine other Arab underground groups, is supported financially by Arab governments and operates legally from Arab capitals. In fact they enjoy free radio time on Arab broadcasting stations in Cairo, Beirut, Amman and Damascus.

Agence France Presse reported from Jerusalem Monday that the Israeli government has warned foreign ambassadors that unless Israeli planes continue to fly unharmed and unless other airlines serving Isreali continue unobstructed, no other Arab airline will fly.

The Zurich mass mur which caused the deaths of 4 men and women, including two Canadians, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kolatacz of Montreal, caused the head of the I.A.T.A. to demand that all governments immediately legislate emergency measures to punish criminals involved in terrorizing air travellers.

The Swiss government declared that no traveller holding an Arab passport will be admitted to Switzerland unless he obtains a special visa from a Swiss diplomatic mission overseas.

International public opinion is aroused against the Arab extremists.

In Toronto, Canada's leading newspaper, The Daily Star, demanded ". . . It is time airlines started cancelling flights to Arab countries and it is time countries started denying landing rights to Arab airlines. If there is any part of the international community which can still lay some claim to decency and humanity it should make the Arabs understand that their damnable, meciless tactics have put them outside of it, and will henceforth carry an economic penalty at least."

The Toronto Star reminded the world that the accessories in crime are all the Arab governments which shelter the terrorists, either out of political weakness or viscousness."

On Tuesday, The Globe and Mail joined world public opinion in demanding a boycott by airlines of all Arab countries "which harbor the terrorists and even encourage them. Don't fly there. Don't give their planes landing privileges," the Globe and Mail says.

While the entire press of the western world condemned the attack, Moscow commented that the incident "Is no more than an American-Israeli hoax."

It was noted in diplomatic circles that the statement by a Moscow spokesman came one week after a visit to the Kremlim by Yassir Arafet, leader of Al Fatah.

Other developments in the Middle East this week:

*In Jerusalem Israeli premier Golda Meir stated that Arab countries harboring guerrilla organizations will from now on be held responsible for attacks on civil aircraft. She said Israel will not become the only Middle East airline unable to fly. In her speech Monday to the Knesset Mrs. Meir referred to ties between the Arab countries and the guerrilla organizations and said these links were made manifest in a speech by Egyptian President Nasser on July 23. She quoted Nasser as saying: "We on our part are giving them the guerrillas, everything we have in the military, political and technical spheres. We shall continue doing so without any reservations or restraint."

She added that the Arab states and the Soviet Union abstained during the vote on a resolution in the United Nations last year calling for legal steps against air piracy.

Mrs. Meir continued: "We want all airline companies of the Middle East countries to fly undisturbed. We want every airplane and every passenger of every airline company to be able to take off and land undisturbed in every country in this area.

"But this rule must prevail on all. Israel will not agree to being the one and only exception to this rule."

She appealed to all governments and international bodies to waken, pull themselves together and take effective action against "terror".

*The Jordanian interior minister resigned without explanation Monday night, but observers believed he quit in connection with a secret agreement between the Fedayeen and the government of King Hussein. Informed sources said the commandos considered Major-Gan. Mahammed Rassoul al-Kilani as one of the conservative royal advisers hostile to them.

Reliable commando sources said al-Kilani had in fact taken a moderate position during the talks which ended a two-week crisis in relations between the government and the United command which combines 10 anti-Israeli guerrilla organizations.

Al-Kilani, himself born a Palestinian, will be replaced on an acting basis by the municipal and rural affairs minister Mousa Abul-Ragheb, said a royal decree.

*Arab commandos loosed a hail of bullets on a busload of American pilgrims touring Israel Monday, killing a Baptist minister's wife and wounding two other women passengers.

*An Israeli guide suffered minor injuries in the roadside attack near the Arab town of Hebron on the Israeli-occupied west bank of the Jordan River.

*In Washington, press officer Robert W. Becker said the state department was shocked by news reports of the ambush and was awaiting reports from U.S. representatives in Israel. He added in a statement:

"Meanwhile, I want to reiterate in strongest terms that this government deplores terrorism against innocent civilians. Such irresponsible and indiscriminate acts can only make more difficult the search for peace in the Middle East which is our overriding goal."

Toronto Christian leader sees "Observer" - Al Fatah contact

The Rev. Roland de Corneille, Anglican director of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue, told a Canadian Jewish News reporter Tuesday that the Arabs who violently disrupted a church Brotherhood Week meeting look to Dr. A.C. Forrest, editor of the United Church Observer "as their champion."

His comment came after the Arabs broke up a meeting at Toronto's Yorkminster Park Church Monday night before police were called to restrain a dozen screaming 'Palestinians' who said they supported Al Fatah, the Arab terrorist group.

Dr. de Corneille had just accused the United Church Observer and its editor Dr. Forrest, of inciting antisemitism when the protestors stormed the platform, threatened members of the panel and ripped a Bible to shreds.

Dr. de Corneille told this newspaper afterwards that there "must be a link between the United Church Observer and the Arabs." Because of their violent attack after he criticized Dr. Forrest. He said members of the United Church should be "aware of the partisan nature" of the United Church Observer.

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

NO JEWISH ISSUE

No matter how elegant the phrase, those who compare the air gangsters led by frightened Arab dictators and their sponsors with freedom fighters must realize that such dastardly crimes as were committed in Zurich, Munich and Athens are not a Jewish issue. Even if such killings may affect some innocent Jewish passengers directly and immediately (though it seems the majority of the victims are non-Jews), these abominable murders ultimately strike the world at large.

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It was Hitler's theory – and in the beginning it met with some success – that all he wanted was to isolate the Jews. (At the time there were no Israelis.) For anyone doing business with *the* Jews could not entertain any commerce with Germany, with the Third Reich.

After Hitler had occupied Poland and other Eastern European countries, he succeeded in convincing some pathological antisemites and frustrated "Christians" that it was only the Jews the Nazis were after. The awakening came too late. Though we lost six million Jews, almost forty million others died, including naive Germans, before the disintegration of an empire built upon hatred and deceit.

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Now some Arab extremists are misleading subconscious Jew-haters and pacifists, always ready to offer another person's skin for coexistence with a murderer, into the illusion that there is but one enemy: Zionism.

What is Zionism? Who are these hated Zionists? No one really knows. But they supposedly are responsible for all our troubles. In the United States, so say the Panthers, it is they who subjugated the Negro. Perhaps they even secretly ignite the fires of the Chinese-Soviet conflict. In Vietnam it may be they who do not permit pacification. Who knows where all these Zionists are if five thousand Jews in Poland constitute a "Zionist" threat to Gomulka's serving the master in the Kremlin?

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All this may sound nonsensical to both the informed and the earnest student of international affairs. Yet for hundreds of millions in the world whose main source of information is the radio fed by Moscow and its satellites, and for those students aroused from secret funds by so-called New Left agitators, there is the Zionist enemy. Are they told that this Zionist enemy is responsible for the first anticolonialist revolution in the Middle East? Is it made known to them that these Israelis demand nothing more but to sit down with their neighbors and discuss the peace and future for everyone in that area, Jew or Arab, without submergence of any national or religious personality in the process of pacification?

All this is conveniently forgotten. For the Soviet Union, as the American President observed last week, keeps exploiting the lowest instincts of Arab masses, offering them guns instead of bread. The Soviet Union is sinking politically and diplomatically into a Mideast, Vietnam-like mire of its own making; we are urged to condone the hijacking of planes, the murder of innocent passengers and the establishment of a new precedent of international warfare whereby we see the beginning of an end which we all ought to contemplate with fear and awe.

Terror is a weapon with which the beginning can be detected, but never the result. Unless some nations realize the killing of passengers of countries foreign to this conflict does not serve any purpose but the instauration of international anarchy, who knows what will follow? Who will stop or prevent a maniac from hijacking a Soviet or Polish plane "in retaliation"?

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In the final analysis, Cairo, which offers these terrorists free use of its radio stations, or Beirut, where broadcasting facilities are available to the self-admitted murderers in the air, cannot escape some kind of boomerang.

It is still not too late for the sane and for those anxious in nipping air piracy in the bud to call a halt. Only the blind will say that Moscow – which last week refused to support the United Nations Security Council for reestablishing the ceasefire in the Middle East and which "privately" received the terrorist leader – is innocent. Those pampering the terrorists must shoulder the responsibility for the escalation of a new kind of international war which could plunge us all into disaster.

Some may have forgotten the very pertinent fact that it was the Soviet Union at the United Nations, which during the Six Day War, pleaded for a ceasefire in the Middle East. It wanted to save something of the Nasser regime as well as its investments in its own Vietnam. The United States was accommodating. Yet, as Nixon pointed out last week, the more one yields to this insatiable bear, the less it is appreciated. There is no possible manicure for the nails on a bear's paw.

Finally, the killing of Israelis in Zurich will neither weaken Israel nor affect its existence. Israel is not Hussein's kingdom, artificial and without roots in the Holy Land. Those who have forgotten should be reminded to read world history again, to remember that it is with Israel, with the People of Israel, that the Holy Land is linked.

Says, it "officially" represents all Jews

"CONGRESS" FOR BILINGUALISM

"Linquistic duality" of Quebec's educational system - French and English - should be safeguarded fully and clearly in the proposed restructuration of school organization on the Island of Montreal. Canadian Jewish Congress this week submitted in its brief presented to the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Education of the National Assembly of Quebec regarding the proposed Legislation Bill 62 (Restructuration of School Organization on the Island of Montreal).

Canadian Jewish Congress submission was signed by: Nathan Gaisin, chairman, Congress, Quebec Region; Monty Berger, chairman, Committee of Position of Jews in the Educational Systems of Quebec; Morton Bessner, chairman, Study Committee; and Dr. Samuel Lewin, executive director.

According to a press release from congress offices, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, is recognized as the "official spokesman" of Quebec's 130,000 residents of the Jewish faith.

In order to safeguard the quality of education in French and English within the proposed unification, Canadian Jewish Congress submitted that no bill be passed without provisions being included for the appointment of two associate directors general, on a language basis, by each school board, one for all courses given in French as the language of instruction and one for all courses given in English as the language of instruction and that each associate director general be charged with the responsibility for the educational administration and supervision of the respective courses of study in accordance with the parental option and be provided with sufficient back-up personnel to provide the courses of study on the highest level of competence and quality.

The brief further submitted that provisions be added defining procedures for the exercise of parental option for the language of instruction and that such option be open to all parents.

Regarding the members of the School Council of the Island of Montreal, Canadian Jewish Congress recommended that they be elected by the school commissioners, one from each Board, and that the members of the School Council of the Island of Montreal, in turn, elect its President and Vice-President from among themselves. It further recommended that additional members up to a maximum of twenty-five percent of the elected members of the Island Council, be named by the Minister of Education who will ensure that among them will be members other than Catholic and Protestant.

Congress suggested that further study be given to the recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Education (Parent Commission) with regard to establishing a total of seven school municipalities, and that, should the number of boards be maintained as presently provided in Bill 62, the boundaries be modified in light of demographic considerations and, in particular, a portion of the School Municipality No. 4 be added to School Municipality No. 2, which it adjoins, for a more efficient and more cohesive administration of the schools of that area.

The brief points out that great care should be exercised in the implementation of Bill 62 to make sure that the proposed changes are introduced without dislocation and disruption of services and do not affect adversely the quality of education.

It also recommended that consideration be given to the implementation of the provisions of Bill 62 dealing with unification of school boards in stages so that there be no lowering of standards caused by the transfer of administrative and pedagogic duties from one structure to another.

Congress brief submitted that the "ultimate goal of the Education Act Amendments should be the establishment of a unified school administration democratically elected, with adequate safeguards written into law to assure equality of educational opportunity and the necessary conditions to provide courses of study of the highest pedagogical quality in the language chosen by the parents."

The brief further stated that "the proposed establishment of single school boards must be considered in the context of the overall aims and objectives of any educational system which is to provide education of the highest possible quality to everyone without distinction and to ensure for all the education they require. In the context of Quebec's society, this, of course, involves cultural pluralism and linquistic duality."

The brief continued that "it could be easily argued that a single administrative organization is better capable of organizing education of good quality on elementary and secondary levels through enrichment of programs and making them more flexible, recruitment of competent staff, organization of school libraries, physical education facilities, use of audio-visual methods and the like.

"What is not equally certain is whether such single commissions would be able to maintain the diversity of religious choices and the linguistic duality in the school system. Unification is one thing and uniformity is another. There can be little doubt that utmost care must be exercised lest the demarcation line between these two concepts becomes blurred.

TRAVEL CONTINUES: TOURIST OFFICIAL

In Montreal, at the Israel Government Tourist Office, Director Gideon Policar issued the following statement;

"Tourist flights have not been affected.

After the attacks on an airline a year ago all necessary precautions were taken by El Al Israel Airlines and other airlines.

As announced, the suspension of freight and mail transport is a temporary measure in order to plug the gap in the security arrangements of some airlines.

All airlines departing from Montreal and New York are flying normally.

Tourist traffic to Israel is continuing on a regular basis."

All major airlines resume flying to Israel. For more details see page 8.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES, ORGANIZATIONS

MACHZIKAI B'NAI ISRAEL

The Machzikai B'nai Israel Congregation held their annual Chevre Kadisha Dinner recently at 279 Dovercourt Rd. President Harry Pearlstein welcomed the guests and representatives of the College Memorial Chapel, Mr. Sam Cohen, Mr. Julius Wiener, Mr. Sam Yuchtman, and Mr. David Green, as well as Mr. Ed Winer, president of the Shomri Hashabos Synagogue. Guest speaker for the evening was Rabbi Irving Witty, who spoke on the significance of the function of the Chevre Kadisha. He was introduced by Mr. Meyer Feldman, and thanked by Mr. Feingold. Rabbi S. Langer of Kiever Synagogue, also gave greetings. Mr. Julius Marcus chaired the meeting.

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* Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Kelman and family were guests of honor at a Bon Voyage party held by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda congregation, 100 Elder, Downsview, on February 22nd.

The Kelman family leaves for Israel March 9th for a five-month semi-sabbatical stay.

During his stay in Israel, Rabbi Kelman will work on his thesis towards his doctorate and undertake writings on Jewish customs and ceremonies.

As the founder of the Ezra and Kadima Schools and in his position as Chairman of the Commission on Special Education of the United Synagogue of America, he will exchange information and techniques with people in Special Education in Israel. He will also be studying general youth programs.

* The Hon. John Robarts, Premier of Ontario was honored as Man of the Year Monday by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"We are honoring Mr. Robarts because he instituted the Ontario Human Rights Commission with Premier Leslie Frost in 1964 and has been active in the area of human relations," said Al Golombek, Chairman of the Annual Brotherhood Award.

Mr. Golombek, 33 Pannahill, a past Brotherhood President, who founded the Award Dinner seven years ago, has chaired it each consecutive year.

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SHAAREI TEFILLA

* A general meeting of the Sisterhood will take place Wednesday March 4th at the Apter Hall. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Emanuel Forman of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

* Rabbi Berglas will speak on The Fourteenth Attribute Sunday March 1st at the breakfast meeting of the Brotherhood.

GUEST OF B'NAI TORAH. - Rabbi Joseph J. Gold spiritual leader of the orthodox Jewish community of Worcester, Massachusetts will be the guest rabbi for the Dedication Weekend of congregation B'nai Torah of Willowdale, March 13-15.

ADATH ISRAEL

A new weekly study session conducted by Rabbi Erwin Schild each Thursday begins February 26th. The first subject will be Maimonides' Mishneh Torah, in a new abridged English translation. During the Rabbi's Israel tour, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum will conduct the sessions.

BETH SHOLOM

The Beth Sholom Brotherhood will conduct special Divine Services on Friday, March 20th, 1970, in observance of Brotherhood Week and in tribute to the Metropolitan Toronto Fire Departments.

The Beth Sholom Brotherhood will make a presentation to the six fire departments of Metropolitan Toronto. A social hour will be held following services in the Gerald Schwartz Memorial Auditorium.

MEANINGFUL GESTURE.- The recent joint Bar Mitzvahs of cousins Daniel David Buchman (right) and Steve Arthur Blitzer took place in Toronto. Rather than receive personal gifts they asked that contributions should be made to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for the purpose of student aid, which would memorialize the names of their grandfathers, Henry Rinde and Irving Buchman.

SOL I. LITTMAN

FARBAND LABOR ZIONIST ORDER

Mr. Sol I. Littman, prominent lecturer and the National Director of the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Canada will address a Farband Labor Zionist Order general membership meeting on Sunday March 1st, at 8:30 p.m. at 12 Viewmount Ave., on the topic: Radical Right and The New Left.

Mr. Littman has done extensive guest lecturing at a large number of universities in the U.S. and Canada and has been on the faculty of departments of sociology at the University of Wisconsin and Adelphi University.

He exposed the notorious form of housing discrimination in a wealthy Michigan suburb and was instrumental in the integration of the Carver and Oak Park School System in Michigan. The research and major writing of ADL's study of Jewish employment in the auto industry is another of his accomplishments.

Mr. Littman has been intimately related to the University of California study of antisemitism in the U.S. and coordinated the League's three inter-religious departments in their follow-up on "Christian beliefs and antisemitism." His other duties involve working with student groups, liaison with national organizations and scholarly bodies, directing conferences in the field of journalism, planning and speaking at Jewish-Catholic dialogue conferences, serving as the League's police-community relations specialist and developing human relations programs for industry. Mr. Littman has served on a variety of government committees related to Civil Rights and worked on many community projects.

The public is invited and admission is free.

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TORONTONIAN ADDRESSES NEW YORKERS

Rabbi Irwin Witty, Executive Director, Bureau of Jewish Education Toronto, joined renowned psychologist and best selling author Dr. Haim Ginott and Dr. Seymour Lachman, member New York City Board of Education as featured speakers at the 20th National Convention of the National Association of Hebrew Day School PTAs which was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York this week.

Rabbi Witty spoke on the topic, "New Approaches in Public Relations - the Agenda for the Seventies."

Educators, parents and administrators participated in the PTA Convention which had as its theme, "Communication - Challenge and Opportunity for the Hebrew Day Schools." In addition to major addresses dealing with communication between the generations, plenary sessions and workshops also discussed was the function of the Hebrew Day School in educating students who are called upon to develop as personalities with a distinctive religious and ethnic heritage while at the same time contributing their best as citizens of America and as concerned members of the world at large.

MONTREAL

MUSIC MONTH

In celebration of Jewish Music Month, the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Tifereth Israel Congregation held a successful program February 17th, entitled A Jewish Festival of Stars. Under the chairmanship of Bill Berish and Reuben Clamen, the evening was attended by over 300 people.

Highlights included the Choral Group of B'nai B'rith Women, Concordia Chapter 995 as well as selections sung by the Congregation's Cantor Moshe Kaufler, was was accompanied on the piano by Fanny Levitan.

The second portion of the evening was filled by Herschel Fox, 24-year old entertainer and Jewish folk singer from Winnipeg. Although this was his first appearance in Montreal, the enthusiastic reception which he was granted was overwhelming.

Fox is presently cantor and choir director of Talmud Torah Synagogue in Winnipeg, a position he has held for several years. He has appeared in several stage productions including Fiddler on the Roof, Guys and Dolls and Flower Drum Song. He is currently a student of psychology at the University of Manitoba. At university he is involved in the drama group and in his spare time performs at various Jewish concerts throughout western Canada.

He captivated the hearts of his audiences with his varied repertoire of cantorial and Jewish folk songs, and excerpts from theatrical musicals.

The magnetic quality of his voice coupled with a dynamic personality made the audience response truly overwhelming and he was recalled for several encores.

Herschel Fox will long be remembered in Montreal for his fine performance. It is hoped that he will visit here again soon so that more members of the community may have the privilege of hearing him perform.

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FAMILY LIFE

A team of 12 skilled Family Life Educators have advised thousands of Montrealers how they can strengthen their family life. The Family Life Educators are trained and supervised by Mrs. Felicia Hefter, who qualified for the task after earning a Master of Social Work Degree at McGill University, taking a graduate course in Los Angeles and working on cases in Montreal at the Baron de Hirsch Institute. How far does the Family Life Education Program reach? From dating to "creative aging" with just about everything else in between. The program embraces such current problems as parent-child relationships, adolescence (drugs, sex, etc.) and even the question of identification (Are you Jewish? How? Where? When? Why?).

The program got underway last fall with recruitment of potential Family Life Educators, who have been engaged in training sessions ever since.

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TEACH-IN ON THE HOLOCAUST

A Teach-In on "The Holocaust - the Jewish experience from 1933-45", was held at McGill University last week. Speakers included American historian Dr. Judd Teller, author and professor Paul Hilberg, Montreal poet Lena Allen-Shore, Rabbi Richard Rubinstein, author of "After Auschwitz", and Rabbi Irving Greenberg, Professor of History at New York's Yeshiva University. The Teach-In was jointly sponsored by McGill's Hillel Students' Society and the Eastern Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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EVENTS IN MONTREAL

Week from Friday, February 27 to Thursday, March 5th

Saturday, February 28:

6:00 p.m. - Israel Bond - St. Laurent Lodge B'nai B'rith Dinner at Beth Ora Honoree: Mr. Harold Cummings

8:30 p.m. - Jewish Music Month Concert at Spanish & Portuguese - Guest: Sidor Belaiski of New York

Wednesday, March 4:

8:00 p.m. - Israel Bond - David Chapter B'nai B'rith Women - Guest Artists: Jan & Lil Bart

MECCA PILGRIMAGE

Jerusalem (JCNS). - West Bank Moslems going to Mecca and Medina on pilgrimage, which began on January 15, were issued with licences valid for 45 days by the Israeli military authorities, the same period as last year.

Report by BERNARD MORRIS

HISTADRUT '70

Despite the cowardly El Fatah attacks on unarmed innocent passengers awaiting transport on Israel's airline, the El Al plane that whisked me to Lod was filled to capacity - as is every plane carrying tourists to and from the Jewish State. This clearly indicates that no amount of intimidation by fanatic terrorists will affect the tourist traffic which has become Israël's major industry.

This mood of refusing to bend to the machinations of tyranny is prevalent in every square inch of the land of Israel notwithstanding daily incidents by sneak marauders during which casualties most certainly occur - Israel's citizens carry on, systematically building a modern progressive democratic state, setting an example which any new nation would do well to follow.

Standing well in the forefront of this process of progress is the Histadrut - the Israel Federation of Labor. While placing National interest first, sometimes to the annoyance of its more vociferous members, its main aim is to provide a decent standard of life to every worker and his family regardless of religion or creed.

BERNARD MORRIS
National Executive Director
Canadian Histadrut Campaign

This does not only imply a living wage structure, but also means providing a host of welfare services to its million and a quarter members which the government cannot effect due to its defense involvement.

The business of the Histadrut Campaign in Canada is to support part of these welfare services. As the Campaign's National Executive Director, I visited Israel to investigate the areas where Canadian friends of Histadrut could help best - especially in the fields of education and medical welfare. Everywhere I went I saw the need for new clinics and vocational training schools. There is a tremendous demand for scholarships to help needy youth enroll in one of the 32 Amal Trade and High Schools. I was particularly struck by the growing needs of rapidly expanding areas such as Beer Sheva. The Mayor, Eliahu Navi showed me a large area where the expansion of the Negev Regional Hospital is slated. A new Pathological Pavilions, new wings, new laboratories - all vital. There is only one drawback to building - *no available funds.* This and other Histadrut sponsored institutions, suffer from the same complaint. I met villagers in the Galil, who if sick or injured has to be transported miles over rough roads to receive medical treatment. They begged me to raise $10,000 for a simple clinic in the area.

A kibbutz I visited in the heart of the Negev had no gymnasium equipment for the physical development of their children. Could I ask some generous person to send them either money or equipment.

A vocational training school in Naharia has more applicants than it can possibly handle, so an extension is being built with Histadrut funds, but the machinery needed will run into one-quarter of a million dollars. The Director looked at me with askance.

A synagogue constructed in the Old Age Home of Kiriat Segal needs furnishings - Sifrei Torah, an Aron Kodesh, seats, siddurim, in fact everything to fill an empty shell of a synagogue. Everywhere I went I was shown plans for construction of vital health and welfare institutions which cannot get off the drawing boards for lack of funds.

Israel is a gallant nation. Hard-working, dedicated, serious, but under terrific pressure. If the Histadrut Campaign in Canada can help a needy child become an educated adult - or can provide the means to cure one sick soul - then it is sharing in this unique experiment of human engineering.

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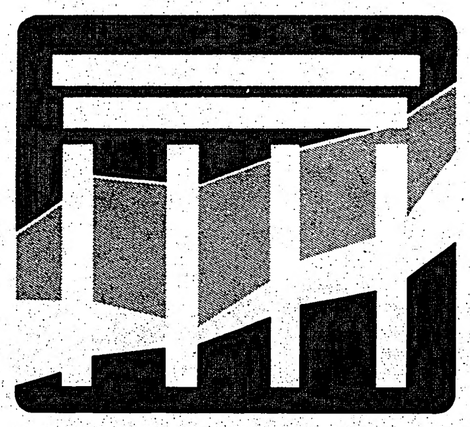

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Labor Zionists accuse Goldmann of conspiracy

JEWISH CONGRESS CRISIS

Reveal WJC President's private war with Golda Meir

Influential leaders of the Jewish community seriously are debating a plan to discontinue the activities of the Canadian Jewish Congress, especially in Toronto, and to transfer its functions to a more representative Community Council, this newspaper was told. This plan up to now was under serious discussion by eminent philanthropists, some of whom feel that monies allocated to the Canadian Jewish Congress here should be diverted to Israeli funds and Hebrew education. Until recently, representatives of Labor Zionist groups opposed the idea. However, according to well informed sources, some now have changed their position; they agree that the Canadian Jewish Congress, in its present constitution, has become obsolete; it has become an agency of Dr. Nahum Goldmann's politics.

Yet the latest developments regarding Israel, and the policies of Dr. Goldmann, president of the so-called "World Jewish Congress," may induce well informed members of the Labor Zionist and also Religious Zionist leaders to demand the withdrawal of the Canadian Jewish Congress from Dr. Goldmann's outfit and to cease subsidizing the "World Jewish Congress" publicity apparatus.

"DELEGATES" SUPPORT GOLDMANN

This new move, informants told the Canadian Jewish News, is a result of a recently held World Jewish Congress meeting in Jerusalem to which the Canadian Jewish Congress allocated vitally needed funds for schools here and for aid to Israel. "Delegates" at this meeting assured Dr. Goldmann of the support of Canadian Jewry for his unrepresentative "World Jewish Congress" to which none of the important American or British Jewish organizations belong.

Now Dr. Goldmann is under heavy attack by the most important Labor Zionist publication appearing in North America, the Yiddisher Kemfer. In the last weeks this well respected and perhaps most influential Yiddish publication on the continent attacked Dr. Goldmann fiercely, accusing him of "breaking the armistice" with the Israeli government. According to the editor of the Kemfer, Goldmann (who had been forced to relinquish the presidency of the World Zionist Organization upon the express demand of Golda Meir) now, after the "successful" World Jewish Congress meeting in Jerusalem, is ready for his new war against the foreign policy of Israel.

SPRING WAR IS ANNOUNCED

The president of the "World Jewish Congress", we are reminded by the Yiddisher Kemfer, told the extreme leftist Israeli daily, Al Hamishmar, a few weeks ago that he will "wait with his attacks against the official Israeli policy until spring;

"Till then . . . I will wait. Till the spring — because I'm expecting some possible developments that I do not wish to discuss . . . From the beginning I disagreed with Israel's tactics; and, after this policy, in my opinion, has failed, I have the right and also the duty — to discuss an alternative position."

According to the same revelations by the Kemfer, some leftist Cabinet ministers are supporting Goldmann, urging him to "start talking immediately."

This sensational story which created an uproar among informed Labor Zionists here also contains a most unbelievable but candid appraisal of Al Fatah by Dr. Goldmann.

NAHUM'S ARAB ZIONISTS

According to this Labor Zionist publication — it must be stressed again that the Kemfer is the most prestigious journal now appearing in Yiddish — Goldmann stated:

". . . I am neither an expert nor a specialist on the internal life of the Arabs or such a movement such as Al Fatah. But what I know — not what I think but what I learned from specialists (journalist who are experts in this area for they spend time in the Al Fatah camps) — is: they consider Al Fatah an 'Arab-Zionist' movement. For example, I heard that they (Al Fatah) establish committees, one of which studies the Jewish National Fund regulations . . . another, the Keren Hayesod. They speak with admiration about Zionism; with hatred, but admiration."

GOLDMANN: AL FATAH NOT DANGEROUS

Goldmann then repeated the Al Fatah nonsense that the terrorists are in favor of a democratic country, a binational state.

According to the Yiddisher Kemfer, "Dr. Goldmann does not glorify fully the Arab terrorist organizations; he even found some gangsters among its members. "But," continues the Kemfer, "Dr. Goldmann does not think Al Fatah is so dangerous.

On the contrary, this group has very sympathetic tendencies and he, as a liberal, can understand even why they make such a strong impression upon the world."

It is lack of space that prevents further quotes from this important story in the Yiddisher Kemfer.

RELIGION ALSO ISSUE

However, some members of the community feel that professionals and long time office holders in Congress have strengthened Goldmann's position.

On the other hand, in religious Jewish circles some orthodox members resent the fact that the Canadian Jewish Congress recently visited Ontario's Minister of Education, demanding withdrawal of the present course in religious instruction from the public schools. According to those circles this publicity of Congress gave the impression that it is *the* Jewish minority which opposes religious education in schools. They question the political sense in such a step.

Apparently some will fight for the retention of Congress in its present form. However, its days as a quasi-representative body, especially in Ontario, are numbered, observers say.

Last Sunday one of a series of meetings dealing with this problem took place in Toronto.

Montreal

DYNAMIC GROWTH

BY GLORIA BERLIN

Solomon Spiro

The Young Israel of Chomedey founded 11 years ago has a present membership of 680 families. Its spiritual leader, Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro, and professional stall including Cantor Jacob Singer, Assistant Cantor, David Marmor and Executive Director, Harry Silverstein are an integral part of the congregation and devote untiring energy towards it. The dynamic leadership of the congregation's President, Mayer Schondorf, and his Executive compose the Young Israel of Chomedey 'family'.

The progress the congregation has made in such a short time is phenomenal. In 1958 a handful of pioneers of this newly-formed community decided to begin work on a synagogue and community center. The settlement of Jewish families in the area and its future potential for growth led to the purchase of a house which served as their first meeting place. Shortly after, with the help of Yeshiva University, they engaged as spiritual leader, Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro. In these modest facilities they set up an afternoon Hebrew school and kindergarten classes.

In 1960 the community leaders and sisterhood purchased land the the congregation began to build its own synagogue. With great faith and determination these young 'chalutzim' forged ahead and enlisted the aid of the Young Israel of Montreal in their endeavour. The close link with the Y.I. of Montreal led to the adoption by the Chomedey Jewish community of the name Young Israel.

In 1961 the building was completed and the Young Israel of Chomedey was a fact.

From the outset Jewish education was a major concern. Expansion of the afternoon Hebrew school, nursery and kindergarten continued and it was decided to seek the participation of an educational organization which would undertake the essential task of providing more complete facilities and training for Chomedey's future generation of Jews. Because its population was so young it was felt that intensive Jewish education would help build a future generation steeped in the tradition of our cultural heritage. In 1961 United Talmud Torah took over the existing programs of the Young Israel and began a day school program.

Today Talmud Torah has its own spacious building in Chomedey with a high proportion of students whose parents are members of the Young Israel. One of the highlights of the Grade 7 graduating class every year is the graduation shabos service run by the students themselves at Young Israel.

In their efforts toward fostering sound Jewish education the Young Israel Community were 'pioneers' in another sense. They started the committee for tax support in Jewish schools at a time when the establishment was opposed to it. It was largely due to their efforts that the establishment Jewish community in Montreal altered their views on the matter.

Realizing the importance of the informal aspect of education the new community undertook a vigorous youth program with the assistance of various Jewish youth organizations. Today the Young Israel's emphasis on youth activities is an integral part of its program. They serve as hosts to many youth groups who use their facilities free of charge. B'nai Akiva, B'nai B'rith, N.C.S.Y. and Young Judaea are among the groups which meet there and are guided in their programming by U.I. Staff. Shabbosim sponsored by the youth groups are encouraged and the Y.I. is currently organizing a Youth Council with the emphasis on joint programming. One such common project will be a door to door sale of Israel products.

Both the men's club and sisterhood assume an active role in the congregation and contribute toward the informal and friendly atmosphere which prevails. The close-knit character of the community is further witnessed in the unusually high attendance at Saturday morning services. The Sanctuary is filled not only with adults but with their children who are thus exposed to Jewish tradition from an early age. The atmosphere is informal and the children are encouraged to participate in the services.

In the true spirit of Young Israel many of their programs are geared toward undertaking communal responsibilities. For example, they participate actively in Israel Bond campaigns and they recently held a tribute dinner in support of Israel Bonds honoring their spiritual leader, Rabbi Spiro who was selected 'Chomedey Man of the Year'.

The adult education program includes classes in Hebrew, Bible, public speaking and French. A lecture series in the fall and spring and a cultural forum add variety to the adult programs with a view toward sustaining in the members a strong sense of Jewish identity while keeping pace with present day problems. Provocative issues are often brought to members' awareness through cultural forums which are a regular part of the Y.I. program.

Thoughtful contemplation toward those vital elements which make a well-rounded community, synagogue, Hebrew education, youth recreational programming and adult education, have always been a part of the Young Israel ideal. The driving force and hard work of the pioneers of Chomedey in the past 10 years have made the Y.I. of Chomedey what it is today, a synagogue and community center in which all members can take pride.

Energy, dedication and faith have helped to create a viable and dynamic synagogue and community center. The community spirit, devotion and creativity of its members have made the Young Israel of Chomedey truly exemplary. Its future generation now growing up will no doubt benefit from the ideals of its parents.

Toronto

FROM ATTORNEY TO RABBI

by URI JACOBSON

CBC listeners have been treated for the past year to a sonorous voice and articulate mind on the afternoon program Interplay.

Those qualities belong to Jordan Pearlson, rabbi of Temple Sinai on Wilson Ave. here in the Queen city. The rabbi and I discussed his role on that program during our recent frank and probing interview.

He had been invited by various agencies, including the Canadian Jewish Congress and the National Religious Advisory Committee of the CBC to participate in Interplay along with William Bothwell, an Anglican prelate and Father Paul Lannan.

The purpose of Interplay as Rabbi Pearlson described it, is to permit committed people in the religious sector, to carry on a running commentary on a multitude of moral and social issues. No stress of course is placed upon the religious affiliations of the participants because they wish their remarks to stand on their own intrinsic merits.

Rabbi Pearlson has been obviously delighted at the response the program has aroused and mentioned that he has received communications from all over Ontario and from New York State as well.

Rabbi Pearlson's facility in verbal expression is no doubt due in part to his professional training as an attorney. At one time he was a lawyer in a prestigious Beacon Hill law firm in Boston.

I asked him what had motivated his change from an attractive law practice to the rabbinate. He replied that during his years in Boston he had come under the influence of Rabbi Dudely Wineberg, then in Boston. During the course of several discussions that started out as a kind of jocular exchange about entering the rabbinate, Jordan Pearlson became convinced that his true vocation lie in the religious life.

From 1950 to 1956 he studied at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish institute of Religion in Cincinnati. While still a student he was invited to explore the possibility of helping to establish a fledgling Reform congregation which was about to take shape "in a mud flat called North York."

Responding to what seemed a formidable challenge he accepted the invitation and began commuting regularly between Toronto and Cincinnati. In the two year period in which he served as a student-rabbi he must have logged hundreds of thousands of miles.

I asked Rabbi Pearlson if he could describe for me the philosophy of Temple Sinai insofar as it belongs to the Reform Jewish movement. He replied that when the synagogue was being constructed he tried to impress upon his members that nothing in Jewish life was to be considered foreign to their synagogue.

Temple Sinai saw as part of its function the need to seek an unique expression of its own Reform philosophy. This can be seen in a number of ways. Unlike the majority of Reform synagogues, Temple Sinai's Bar Mitzvah boys chant the entire haftorah in Hebrew.

Significant also is the kosher kitchen which the Temple makes available for those who wish to celebrate their simchas in accordance with Jewish dietary laws.

In short the Temple's religious functions and activities are designed to reflect the background of the individual members and do not, therefore, correspond to some abstract rules about Reform synagogue patterns. "We are Reform," said the rabbi, not Reformed."

The subject of Israel arose. What did the rabbi think about the charge that Reform Jews had not been always sympathetic to Zionism and the State of Israel?

Jordan Pearlson

At this suggestion Rabbi Pearlson became somewhat excercized. It was a canard, he said and must be categorically denied. "It seems that many people employ the word 'Reform Jew' in much the same way as the writers of the New Testament used the term 'Jew'. When people agreed with the work that Abba Hillel Silver, and Barnett Brickner did on behalf of Israel and Zionism no one ever mentioned their loyalty to the Reform movement in Judaism. But as soon as disagreement arose they became labeled as Reform Jews."

What of the fact that the founding members of the American Council for Judaism (an anti-zionist group) were in large part Reform rabbis? Rabbi Pearlson acknowledged this but said that it was an articulate but insignificant body whose activities had no relationship to normative Reform thinking and had had none for years.

On the other hand Rabbi Pearlson spoke with pride about Temple Sinai's pioneering activities on behalf of Israel. "We were the first synagogue in Toronto," he declared, "to have a bond appeal on the High Holy Days (1954). We were among the first synagogues to feature exhibitions of Israeli art, music and sculpture. In the same way we were among the first to adopt the sephardi accent in Hebrew in our liturgy."

Despite his strongly pro-Israel orientation Rabbi Pearlson is not uncritical of certain aspects of the state, particularly the religious situation there. He is profoundly disturbed, for example, by the theocratic structure of the state. He feels that the role of religion cannot be an imposed one and when it is it leads to religious tyranny. Moreover, when religion is tied to the power of the state it becomes all the more oppressive.

Rabbi Pearlman expatiated on this question and referred to the controversy surrounding the practice of halitzah, still required by the rabbinate in Israel. "That practice has about as much sense as attempting to communicate with each other with jungle drums. It is stupid, brutal and blundering."

What is needed, said the rabbi, was a restructuring of the whole halkhic edifice. This he feels is quite compatible with the tradition of progress within Judaism. He cannot understand, for example why Jews will consider a man like Professor Katz-Suchy (a recent Polish expelee who denies his Jewish roots) as a Jew even though he has categorically put himself outside the Jewish historical continuum and at the same time refuse entry to sincere Christians who wish to become part of that continuum even if only through intermarriage. "The Israel supreme court had more sense than the religious circles," argued Rabbi Pearlson, "when it rejected the application of Brother Daniel to become a Jew according to the Law of Return. They realized that Brother Daniel had chosen an alternate religious stream and had therefore disqualified himself from membership in the historic continuum."

Asked to survey the current Jewish scene in a positive light Rabbi Pearlson remarked that there were encouraging signs. For one thing young Jewish people are realizing that the Jewish future cannot run for ever on ethnicity. "These people are beginning to think seriously about alternatives whether to 'Jew-it' or not 'Jew-it'. Fortunately for us a great many of them are opting for Jewish commitment."

There is, however, another side to this coin Rabbi Pearlman cautioned. The decrease in traditional folk norms in "Yiddishkeit" is apparently leading to a new militancy among orthodox circles and to the creation of a new kind of bigot for whom k'lal Yisrael has absolutely no meaning. This is a development which Rabbi Pearlman deplores. He said that even people in the orthodox rabbinate had recognized this new danger and that people like Emanuel Rackman were fighting it. "We can only hope that his approach will prevail."

KARAITES PROTEST LEGISLATION

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - The 10,000-strong Karaite community in Israel feels it is discriminated against and that it will greatly suffer if the new amended legislation on "Who is a Jew?" to be tabled by the Government is enacted in its present wording.

Rabbi Haim Levy, a spokesman for the Karaites, told a press conference at Bet Sokolov here of the distress of his community which until now, has been denied any legal or recognized status.

He complained that Karaite children often returned from school bitterly weeping at having been offended "by the denigration of the Karaite community in history and other textbooks issued by the Ministry of Education."

Rabbi Levy denounced the projected legislation as "religious coercion, breach of religious liberty and of freedom of conscience, as well as an attempt on the part of Orthodox rabbis to impose a discriminatory attitude against us."

The Karaites do not share the Halaha principle that Jewishness depends on the mother's religion and consider the father's religion as the decisive factor.

In a memo sent to Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, and to the Knesset Speaker, in the name of the Karaite community, Rabbi Levy called upon them "to prevent the threatened split in the Jewish nation and the exclusion of Karaite Jews from the Israel community."

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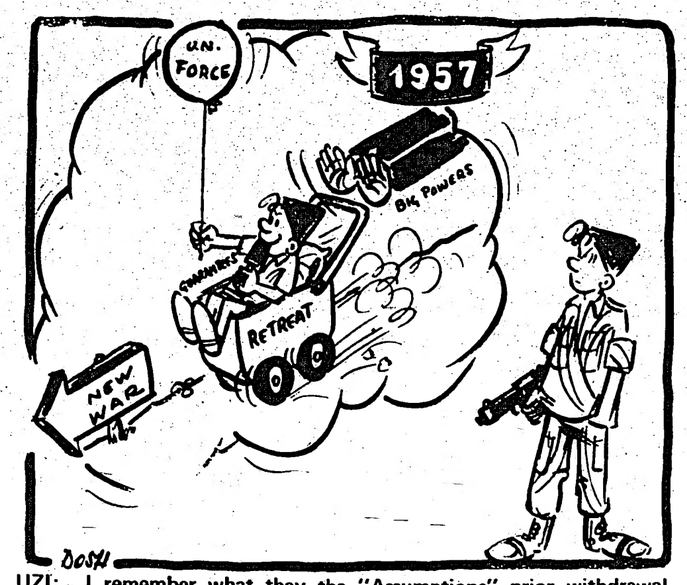

UZI: I remember what they the "Assumptions" prior withdrawal in 1957. Let's see what happens now . . .
Maariv, Tel Aviv

ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

May one indulge in hobbies, such as coin or stamp collecting, on Sabbath? What hobbies, if any, are permitted?

Jews played many games in the Middle Ages (*see Israel Abrahams, "Jewish Life in the Middle Ages," chapters 21-22*). The problem was widely discussed at that time which games can be played on the Sabbath and there are a number of references to these in the sources. The Shulchan Aruch (*Orach Chayim 338, 5*) mentions games which may be played on the Sabbath, including chess, provided these are not played for money. It is even said there that if "women and children" do play for gain one should not stop them for "it is better that they should offend unwittingly rather than intentionally." Coin collecting would seem to be "out" since the coins are *muktza* (i.e., must not be touched), unless one argues that since the coins are not used as currency the *muktza* rules do not apply. There is no objection to playing card games, scrabble, etc., and to going for long walks.

What is the objection to playing football on Sabbath? Is it permitted on festivals?

The basic question is whether the ball is considered to be *muktza*. In medieval France it was evidently the practice to play ball games on the festivals (*see Tosafists to Betza 12a*) but this was forbidden in other communities. The Shulchan Aruch (*Orach Chayyim 308, 45*) rules that it is forbidden to play ball games on Sabbath and the festivals, but R. Moses Isserles in his note quotes the contrary opinion and observes that it is the custom (i.e. in his native Poland) to permit it. The only difference between Sabbath and the festivals in this connection is that on Sabbath it is forbidden to play ball games outside the private domain (otherwise there is "carrying") but on festivals even this is permitted.

My poulterer recently sold me a fowl without the heart. He explained that it was not healthy. Is this in order?

The laws of *trefa* are extremely complicated. Briefly, while certain diseases or defects of the heart render an animal or fowl *trefa*, others do not. Consequently, it is possible for the heart of a fowl to be "unhealthy" without this rendering the rest of the fowl *trefa*. One assumes that your poulterer consulted a rabbi, as is his duty, before selling you the fowl.

All men of Israel are mutually accountable for each other. Once upon a time, when some men were in a boat at sea, one of them began to bore a hole in the bottom of the boat. When his companions protested, he answered: "I am only boring under my own seat."

"But," said his companions, "when the water comes in we shall all be drowned." So it is with Israel. Its well-being is in the hands of every individual Jew.

From the Talmud.

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By now anyone who looks at the book pages of any of the big papers or magazines will have learned that Montreal's Saul Bellow has done it again. The author of Henderson, The Rain King and Herzog has written an absorbing new novel about the thought processes of one Artur Sammler, a Polish-Jewish gentleman who lives in New York's West Side.

The story line is simplicity itself -- no intricate plots, no character development. The central figure, the 70 plus Artur Sammler lives with his niece and daughter and his memories of a stint as a youthful correspondent for Polish papers in London during the 30s.

During that period Sammler claims to have had regular encounters with H.G. Wells and others of the Bloombury set. (Bellow himself had some correspondence with Wells in the early 40s.)

One of the students whom Sammler's daughter has engaged to read for her father (Sammler has a blind eye, a souvenir of the Nazis from Poland) invites the old man to address a gathering of students at Columbia University on the subject of Britain in the 30s.

Sammler's talk is not met with universal accord. In fact he is interrupted by a hippie who ridicules the septuagenarian and suggests that Sammler couldn't possible convey any truths because he is no longer sexually potent. Rather than coming to his defense most of the other students join in the derision.

Sammler's reflection on this event will probably become a classic statement on the current hippie rebellion. He compares the latter to monkeys who defecate on explorers.

"And he was not so much personally offended by the event," writes Bellows about Sammler's humiliating experience, "as struck by the will to offend. What a passion to be real. But real was also brutal. And the acceptance of excrement as a standard? How extraordinary! Youth? Together with the idea of sexual potency? All this confused sex-excrement-militancy, explosiveness, tooth showing, Barbary apea howling. Or like the spider monkeys in the trees, as Sammler once had read, defecating into their hands, and shrieking, pelting the explorers below."

Throughout the book Artur Sammler reflects and ruminates on the past and the future. Therefore, it is no accident that he is involved, through his daughter, in the theft of a manuscript from Dr. Lal, of Columbia University. Lal has written an essay on the future of life on the moon (obviously not Mr. Sammler's planet) in which he explores the various schemes advanced to people the moon.

Sammler's daughter, thinking that the manuscript might help her father in his researches into H.G. Wells, appropriates the papers and delivers them to Artur without revealing how she had come by them.

When he finally realizes what the girl has done, Sammler becomes frantic in his efforts to track the papers down. This ultimately leads him to a meeting with Dr. Lal. Their discussion of life, philosophy and science is a high point in the book.

Most reviewers have neglected the Israeli episodes of Bellow's new book. Sammler went to Israel (a trip financed by Guner) to be there at the climatic moment of Jewish history. He could not stay in Manhattan watching it over television.

"Perhaps it was the madness of things that affected Sammler most deeply. The persistence, the maniacal push of certain ideas, themselves originally stupid, stupid ideas that had lasted for centuries," writes Bellow, "this is what drew the most curious reactions from him.

"The stupid sultanism of a Louis Quartorze reproduced in General de Gaulle -- Neo-Charlemagne, someone said. Or the imperial ambition of the Czars in the Mediterranean, a stupid craving of two centuries, and this under the 'revolutionary' auspices of the Kremlin, was still worked at, in the same way -- worked at!"

If Sammler sees stupidity in the Middle East situation, he is equally disturbed by the decadence and venality which he meets in New York City. This is the city where no outdoor telephones function; they have been turned into urinals. Again it is the place where the police refuse to respond to Sammler's complaint against a black pickpocket because they don't have the time.

NIXON DEFINES MIDEAST POLICY

NEXT STEP

Full text of the historic statement by the U.S. President

" . . . a peace which speaks not only about the integrity of nations, but also for the integrity of individuals."

Letter to the president of American Near East Refugee Aid. Oct. 21, 1969

" . . . the peace that is not simply one of words but one which both parties will have a vested interest in maintaining."

Welcoming remarks to Prime Minister of Israel. Sept. 25, 1969

These statements reflect some of my thoughts on the nature of the peace which must come to the Middle East. At the same time, this is an area with great resources and prospects for economic progress. It is the first region of developing nations that is near to meeting its capital needs from its own resources.

Yet this area presents one of the sternest tests of our quest for peace through partnership and accommodation of interests. It combines intense local conflict with great power involvement. This combination is all the more dangerous because the outside powers' interests are greater than their control.

Beyond the area of conflict, the United States is challenged to find new relationships in helping all the people of the area marshal their resources to share in this progress.

The most important of the area's conflicts, between Arabs and Israel, is still far from settlement. It has serious elements of intractability, but its importance requires all concerned to devote their energies to helping to resolve it or make it less dangerous.

Local passions in the Middle East run so deep that the parties in conflict are seldom amenable to outside advice or influence. Each side is convinced that vital interests are at stake which cannot be compromised.

* Israel having lived so long before on a thin margin of security, sees territories occupied in 1967 as providing physical security more tangible than Arab commitments to live at peace - commitments whose nature would be tested only after Israel had relinquished the buffer of the territories.

* For the Arabs, a settlement negotiated directly with the Israelis would require recognition of Israel as a sovereign state even while Israeli troops still occupy territory taken in 1967 and while Arab refugees remain homeless.

* For both sides and for the international community, Jerusalem is a special problem involving not only the civil and political concerns of two states but the interests of three great world religions.

A powerful legacy of fear and mistrust must be overcome if the parties are to be willing to subject their interests and grievances to the procedure of compromise. Until then, no formula acceptable to both sides, and no neutral definition of "a fair and reasonable settlement," can get very far.

However, a settlement should still be sought.

This Administration continues to believe that the United Nations ceasefire resolutions define the minimal conditions that must prevail on the ground if a settlement is to be achieved. We have persistently urged the parties in the area as well as the other major powers to do all possible to restore observance of the cease-fire.

Once those minimal conditions exist, we believe a settlement can only be achieved through the give-and-take of negotiation by those involved, in an atmosphere of mutual willingness to compromise. That is why this Administration has pressed this view in a series of consultations with leaders from the Middle East both in Washington and in their capitals, in bilateral discussions with the outside powers most concerned, and in formal talks with the Soviet Union and in the four-power forum at the United Nations. In the course of these discussions, we have advanced specific proposals - outlined by Secretary Rogers in his speech of Dec. 9th - for creating a framework for negotiation in accordance with the United Nations resolution of Nov. 22nd, 1967. These have been written with the legitimate concerns of all parties firmly in mind. They were made in an effort to try to help begin the process of negotiation under UN Ambassador Jarring's auspices. Observing that the United States maintained friendly ties with both Arabs and Israelis, the Secretary of State said that to call for Israeli withdrawal as envisaged in the UN resolution without achieving agreement on peace would be partisan toward the Arabs, while calling on the Arabs to accept peace without Israeli withdrawal would be partisan toward Israel.

But the United States cannot be expected to assume responsibility alone for developing the terms of peace or for guaranteeing them. Others — in the Middle East and among the great powers - must participate in the search for compromise. Each nation concerned must be prepared to subordinate its special interests to the general interest in peace. In the Middle East, especially, everyone must participate in making the peace so all will have an interest in maintaining it.

We have not achieved as much as we had hoped 12 months ago through the discussions with the Soviet Union or the four-power talks. We have gone as far as we believe useful in making new proposals until there is a response from other parties. But we shall continue to participate in the dialogue so long as we can make contribution.

If the Arab-Israeli conflict cannot be finally resolved, at least its scope must be contained and the direct engagement of the major powers limited. For this is a second dimension of the conflict in the Middle East - the rivalries and interests of the major powers themselves.

The interests of the great powers are involved in the contests between local forces but we also have a common interest in avoiding a direct confrontation. One of the lessons of 1967 was that the local events and forces have a momentum of their own, and that conscious and serious effort is required for the major powers to resist being caught up in them.

In its communications to the Soviet Union and others, this Administration has made it clear its opposition to steps which could have the effect of drawing the major powers more deeply into the Arab-Israeli conflict - steps that could only increase the dangers without advancing the prospects for peace.

The activity of the Soviet Union in the Middle East and the Mediterranean has increased in recent years. This has consequences that reach far beyond the Arab-Israeli question. The United States has long-standing obligations and relationships with a number of nations in the Middle East and its policy is to help them enhance their own integrity and freedom. This Administration has shown its readiness to work with the Soviet Union for peace and to work alongside the Soviet Union in cooperation with nations in the area in the pursuit of peace. But the United States would view any effort by the Soviet Union to seek predominance in the Middle East as a matter of grave concern.

I believe that the time has passed in which powerful nations can or should dictate the future to less powerful nations. The policy of this Administration is to help strengthen the freedom of other nations to determine their own futures. Any effort by an outside power to exploit local conflict for its own advantage or to seek a special position of its own would be contrary to that goal.

For these reasons, this Administration has not only pressed efforts to restore observance of the cease-fire and to help begin the process of negotiating a genuine peace. It has also urged an agreement to limit the shipment of arms to the Middle East as a step which could help stabilize the situation in the absence of a settlement. In the meantime, however, I now reaffirm our stated intention to maintain careful watch on the balance of military forces and to provide arms to friendly states as the need arises.

This Administration clearly recognizes that the problem of the Middle East, rooted in a long history of local developments, will be solved only when the parties to the conflict - by reason or resignation - come to accommodate each other's basic long-run interests. They must recognize that to do less will increasingly endanger everyone's basic goals.

We shall continue to seek to work together with all the region's nations, respecting their legitimate national interests and expecting that they will have the same regard for ours. But the emphasis must be on the word "together". The day is past when the large powers can or should be expected either to determine their course or to solve their problems for them. As the Secretary of State said on Dec. 9th:

"(Peace) is . . . a matter of the attitudes and intentions of the parties. Are they ready to coexist with one another? Can a live-and-let-live attitude replace suspicion, mistrust and hate? A peace agreement between the parties must be based on clear and stated intentions and a willingness to bring about basic changes in the attitudes and conditions which are characteristic of the Middle East today."

The Middle East poses many challenges for the United States. First, of course, is the problem of resolving or containing major causes of conflict. No one should believe that a settlement even of the Arab-Israeli conflict would lead to the complete relaxation of tensions in the area. Other local rivalries and the turmoil accompanying social and economic change will continue to produce possibilities for conflict.

Yet, beyond that, a new problem faces us - the character of a constructive American relationship with an area with large capital resources of its own.

A number of nations in the area are well-launched toward economic modernization. Some of them have substantial revenues to finance this effort, and those that do not will increasingly rely on the efforts of nearby nations to help through regional funds. Large numbers of skilled technicians have been trained and many of them have crossed borders to help neighbors.

The challenge to the United States, therefore, is to find new tools - new programs, new legislation, new policies - that will permit our Government and our citizens to relate productively to the first major area of the developing world to be close to meeting most of its capital needs from its own resources. We want to continue to work together, we must therefore - while persisting in the quest for peace - develop new relationships to meet the circumstances and demands of the 1970's.

Beyond the dangerous conflict of today, our vision of the Middle East is of a common effort by all those - the people of the area and friends outside - whose high purpose is to erase the scars of the past and to build a future consistent with their great heritage and abundant resources.

letters to the Editor

A PAT ON THE BACK

Dear Editor:

I wish to congratulate The Canadian Jewish News for its excellent analysis of the Nasser interview with James Reston (front page story in the issue of February 20th). You were the first to present the gist of the Egyptian dictator's hypocritical peace proposal.

The president of Egypt, when he demanded a new Palestine, a nonsectarian Palestine, said clearly he would like to eliminate the Jewish state.

May I, in reverence to your fine reporting, mention that a few days later C. L. Sulzberger of the New York Times took the same position. On the editorial page of Sunday's Times, he says exactly what you declared last week, namely, that in demanding a nonsectarian Israel Nasser took up the Al Fatah line.

Because of the importance of your analysis, I am enclosing the names and addresses of three non-Jewish friends whom I wish as subscribers to The Canadian Jewish News. I hope many will emulate this example for this newspaper is the best public relations medium on behalf of Israel.

Arnold Feigenbaum
Toronto, Ontario.

AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS

Dear Editor:

I am compelled to comment on items in the issue of Feb. 20th.

Under the column of Toronto synagogues and organizations there is an announcement of a demonstration at the French consulate in Toronto on the occasion of the arrival of French President Pompidou in the United States. According to C.J.N. this protest demonstration will be against the current French policies.

I am appaled at such aping of the regrettable methods of today's rebellious youth who being de facto in a small minority.

There is hardly a Jewish family on this continent whose relatives did not succumb to the genocidal rage of the so-called collective punishment. All Jews had to be punished because they were Jews, and Hitler did not like them. Have our young people learned their lesson yet, or has it not been understood by their elders clearly enough and passed to them?

Why should the French Consulate be embarrassed for what Mr. Pompidou is doing? Maybe our students don't grasp the analogy to the fatal consequences of the holocaust brought about by Hitler's interpretation and punishment of "collective guilt."

The facts show that all the disorders, demonstrations, protests, sit-ins are nothing less than a form of violence perpetrated on the mind or even the body of the adversary. If we study the effects of these phenomena characteristic of the passed decade, we can summarize them as a beginning of an era of a break-down of civilized order.

No one could better describe the New Left and their activities than Rabbi Albert Pappenheim as quoted in the article Freedom Brings Risks by Uri Jacobson in the same issue of C.J.N. He calls New Left's Jewish adherents as people beneath contempt who have exchanged one set of hypocrises for another.

Valerie White
Toronto

CANADIAN NATIONALISM

Dear Editor:

With great interest I read your interview last week with Peter Newman, editor of the Toronto Daily Star.

The strongly stressed Canadian nationalism by a European immigrant sounds ridiculous at the very least. This kind of nationalism with a supplement of provincialism is an anachronism of the nineteenth century. Indeed, the Eskimos and Indians were waiting centuries for a Jew from Vienna who would defend this country's freedom and culture against the threat from her southern neighbor. It should be mentioned that Mr. Newman's paper advocates, as part of that highly praised nationalism, abolition of the monarchy in Canada. A large majority of European immigrants (this writer included) were attracted to this country by the Union Jack, not by the Maple Leaf. In other words it's heritage which counts, the most effective weapon against the fast developing threats to this civilization.

The comments on Israel were the only highlights among the answers. Yet it seems that they are only a result of Mr. Newman's trip to that country, that it was mainly Israel's successful struggle for survival that impressed him. Is he one of those Jews who were "recaptured" in the Six Day War?

Oswald Whitebeck
Toronto

KEEP SMILING

INFORMATION

Benny was madly in love with Eve, and for her birthday he decided to buy her a recording of her favorite song, which was all he could afford. So he phoned the local record shop unaware that his dialing was rather careless.

"Yeah?" came a voice.

"Say, have you got 'A Boy Named Joey'?"

"No," was the gruff response, "but I got twelve children in Russia."

"That's a record?"

"I don't think so, mister," replied the voice, "but in Yekaterinoslav, believe me, it's above average."

WITH LOVE

Mama Kalmanson, holding the first check she had ever received in her life, went to the bank to cash it.

"You'll have to endorse it," said the teller.

"What means endorse?" asked Mama.

"Just sign it on the back, the same as you do in a letter," the teller explained.

Blushing fiercely, Mama took a pen and wrote on the back of the check:

"Lovingly yours, Miriam Kalmanson."

SERMON OF THE WEEK

DIMENSION OF FAITH

The law of the Red Heifer is one of the strangest rites of the Bible. Although its purpose is manifest, namely, to cleanse those who become defiled by contact with the dead, the extraordinary rites connected with the observance is a challenge to the rational mind. The rabbis readily conceded the essentially incomprehensible character of the ritual; indeed they underscored it.

It is true that subsequent generations of interpreters sought to find symbols in the mysterious precepts entwining the statute of the red heifer; but but these are obvious efforts to give meaning to that which is apparently meaningless. It is an endeavour that, "mutatis mutandis," we find in every epoch of Jewish history, to wit, the attempt to harmonize faith with the prevailing concepts of the day; as each phase of "modernity" becomes obsolete, new interpretations are offered of the sacred texts and traditions, but the religious framework remains unchanged. This truth has been beautifully expressed in Ahad ha-Am's brief but immortal essay, "Between the Holy and the Profane."

Yet the harmonizers never succeeded in elucidating the mystery of the red heifer; it remained, seemingly, what the Bible and the rabbis intended it to be: an inexplicable injunction. Now in other religions this might have aroused little attention. There are cults to this day that thrive on the incomprehensible. The less understandable the phenonmenon, the greater is the miracle. "It is certain," Tertullian argues, "because it is impossible."

But Judaism is essentially the rationalist among the world's religions. The Bible is the great inconocast that shattered the grotesque idolatrous mythologies of the ancient world; the Maimonidean trend to rationalize Scripture is much older than the author of "The Guide for the Perplexed", and has had countless imitators in succeeding generations. Rationalism, in truth, is an integral element of Judaism in all ages, despite not a few obvious but ephemeral deviations. What then is the fundamental significance of the decree of the Red Heifer in Jewish theology?

The answer is no less challenging than the question, and the lesson is one particularly needed by the contemporary world. The human mind has achieved miracles in its quest of knowledge; but there are limits to its powers. The finite can never completely comprehend the Infinite, nor the human the Divine. It is a humbling thought for an overweening generation that has entered the space age; but its truth is irrefutable. Nevertheless there lies at the core of it not a moral of despair but of hope. Where science ends religion begins. The gulf between man and God is unbridgeable by human reason; but faith gives us wings, and in one supreme existential flight or leap we can cross the void of our limitations and become aware of the spiritual dimension, which transcends time and space and reaches out to the very throne of God.

The statute of the red heifer is, in its ultimate analysis, the most rational of all the precepts. It points to the mystery of the unknowable, and enables us, in the dimension of faith, to purify death's defilement and attain to life eternal.

The lighter side of Israel

by Ephraim Kishon

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OFF (?) BROADWAY

The greatest asset of a theater show on or around Broadway is the theater itself. Those little halls are never empty, productions are lining up to snatch them for kamikaze-swift suicide or dizzying success. Because there is no in-between in New York, either you scrape the skies or you close down on the morrow of the premiere.

It so happened that our own position was quite secure. The producer of our show -- for brevity's sake let's call him Joe -- had in his pocket a rental contract signed by the Episcopalian Church, an official, almost historical document which placed at our disposal the theater hall in the church building for an unlimited period of three months. We had a cute stage, the atmosphere was intimate and puritanical. The rehearsals went their customary, madcap way.

And then the Department of Internal Revenues struck.

On that fateful evening, our Episcopalian Church received a circular from the above government instituation, informing the Church that in common with charities and the United Jewish Appeal, it would from now on enjoy tax-free status only as long as it "was not connected with profit-bearing organizations." Panic gripped the Church. Not because of the tax it would have to pay, but for the nightmarish thought that legions of snooping revenuers would descend on it and start to look into the books of the Church, noooo!

Therefore one of the dutyarchbishops called on Joe and without further ado told him that our contract was null and void, due to an "act of God," see para 106 below. The world went blank in front of Joe's eyes, he fell on his knees and started imploring the Archbishop that he should not destroy us, what's more, he brought up what he thought would be a clinching argument, that we'd never make any profits anyway, but would bomb out just like the other shows. He also invited the Arch to come to the rehearsals and see with his own eyes that he was not talking rot. In a blue funk, Joe also hired a clever lawyer, who checked the contract carefully and declared that there was nothing to be done since one could not sue God. In the end Joe accused the Church of antisemitism and when not even that helped, as a last resort offered to convert to the Episcopalian faith, but it was no good.

It was therefore imperative to find another theater hall immediately.

How do you go about that? Very simple: the interested party screens the list of forthcoming premieres in the newspapers and tries to guess the certain flops. There are also local fiasco-experts willing, against a modest fee, to look around town for flops, just like those dogs trained to ferret out caches of hashish. The choice of our team of experts fell on the well-known Corona Theater downtown.

"Come," Joe said. "Let's go and see what's what. . ."

We invaded the little theater through the back entrance, our hats pulled down over our eyes, our feet shod in silent gumshoes. Personally, I felt like a professional vulture hovering in the air on the lookout for a fresh cadaver, but such is life. . .

Onstage, the last rehearsals of a lively misical were going on. Sprightly hoofers were dashing in and out of their dressing rooms, the stage designer was adding the finishing touches, the musicians were tuning their instruments, the director was shouting himself hoarse and the choreographer was taking the final steps ensuring success. We stood there in a corner, our group of grave robbers, and the expert among us drew a deep breath of air in his lungs:

"No," he said in the end, his eyes closed, "it won't go!"

This was good news indeed. Should the musical flop with adequate speed, this excellent hall would immediately become available. . .

"Say, what the hell are you guys doing here?" somebody came to us. "Who are you?"

It was the red-eyed producer of the show. We told him that we had come by mistake, thinking it was a night-club. We beat it, and running around the building went up to the theater owner's private office on the second floor. That gentleman was slumped behind his huge desk, waiting for us.

"Hi," he surveyed us lanquidly. "When do you want to come out with your hit?"

"Yesterday," Joe answered. "What's the situation?"

The premiere of that hit downstairs will be on Monday night," the owner informed us. "The hall can be yours on Tuesday morning."

"Is that certain?"

"I'm ready to sign a contract. . ."

"Excuse me," I interrupted. "Why must we wait until Tuesday morning? The premiere of the musical should be over by 10:30, so we could move in at 11 o'clock. . ."

"Don't be silly, the experts scoffed, "they've got to read the reviews first, haven't they?"

We shook hands with the theater owner, made a down-payment of the dead-sure flop and left. On the way out we heard the gay singing of the hopeful players, as well as the pleased guffaws of the producer and his entourage. . .

Then we had a number of difficult days. We planted a man among the audience at the dress rehearsal and he reported that though bad, the show was not actually catastrophic.

Joe blanched: "Good Lord," he croaked, "if they succeed, we won't have a hall, we'll be lost . . ."

I proposed to poison the leading man before the premiere or to sit behind the most important critics and prick them with pins during the show, but my partners called my suggestions infantile and rejected them. They put their trust in the press and TV reviews, since these never let down the average hall hunter. . .

On Monday night, when the curtain dropped on the musical, we were sitting at home in front of the TV set, our nerves frayed and fit to snap. The review on Channel 2 was lukewarm but not really murderous. . . On Channel 13 some idiot babbled that "there is in this mini-operetta a sort of winsome indirectness." What winsome, who wins, really one can no longer trust anybody nowadays. . .

At 11 o'clock, Joe brought the "Post." Again the same thing: a panning, certainly, but nothing radical, no trace of the sizzling venom which bombs out shows. We were sitting there, biting our nails. . . if this goes on, we won't have a hall. . . Our last hope was Mr. Barnes of the New York Times. . .

At midnight, Joe went out, his heart aflutter. We waited for his return, too dejected even to talk. Fifteen minutes later, Joe burst through the door:

"We've got it!" he panted, beside himself with joy, waving the life-saving paper. "It's murder!"

One can trust Mr. Barnes in such cases.

The musical closed down that very evening, as it was supposed to do and ever since we have been rehearsing on the stage of the Corona. It has a wonderful atmosphere, we are all full of beans and high hopes. Only one thing somewhat dampens our spirits: a mysterious group of men keeps coming to rehearsals in gumshoes. They stand whispering in some dark corner for a few minutes, then they climb the stairs to the office of the theater owner on the second floor . . .

What on earth could they be talking about there?

HODEL'S WEDDING.- This print of Hodel's Wedding from the Sholom Aleichem Suite, by artist Saul Field, has been reproduced in Leonard Brook's new book Painter's Workshop. Field's work goes on show at the Jewish Community Centre in London, Ontario, next month.

ENGRAVINGS ON VIEW

An exhibition of color embossed engravings by Saul Field, F.I.A.L.; C.S.G.A.; C.P.E.; P.O.C., along with a screening of the partial animation film Tevye produced by Field, from his plates and prints, will be held March 1st and 2nd at The Jewish Community Center in London, Ontario. Though this exhibit is primarily 'Judaica', two or more subjects from the other works of Saul Field will be shown. His many suites will be represented, Old Testament Series, Sholom Aleichem Suite, French Canadian Legends, Joan of Arc, Musical Series and Bloomsday Suite, as well as some large paintings and collages.

Saul Field is known for his 'Compotina Plate' and international recognition has brought increasing demand for his prints. His sometimes deeply spiritual works have a meaning for every man, yet also offer food for the literary-minded, and on viewing a print by this artist, all is not revealed at first glance but promises increasing appreciation for the viewer.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

* The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has provided a grant of $5,000.00 to the Toronto Arts Foundation to support community programs in the operation of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

In a letter to Bruce Lawson, Program Director of Town Hall, Mr. M. Lipman, Adviser of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, writes: "It is our understanding that in the planning and implementation of programs, the Foundation will encourage the widest possible involvement of citizens in Metropolitan Toronto, having particular regard to the persons located in less prosperous areas of the city.

* A lecture intitled The Last Two Generations of Italian Composers will be given by Count Erneste Rubin de Cervin, Thursday March 5th, at Concert Hall of the Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto. The lecture has been arranged jointly by the Consulate General of Italy and the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto.

LEON MAJOR. - Theater Director for Toronto's St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

* Mr. Douglas Laphen has been appointed Director of Public Relations for the Toronto Symphony.

Mr. Laphen will supervise a complete public relations program, advising the public through all means of communication of the work of the Toronto Symphony. He will also oversee the orchestra's advertising and be responsible for the preparation of all press and promotional material.

Mr. Laphen succeeds Mr. Douglas Hughes who has been the orchestra's Public Relations Director for the past two years.

* "Mime, like music, is a universal form of art. This is not the elaborate panto-mime in the English tradition, but a simpler manner of telling a story through movement, into which the audience's imagination must be projected," says Adrian Pecknold, director of the Canadian Mime Theater.

The Canadian Mime Theatre is presenting a program in the Town Hall of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts on Saturday February 21st.

Featuring Adrian Pecknold, Harrow Maskow, George Stanislav and Mary Barton, the program comprises a series of sketches, some solo, some with all of the actors.

* The Toronto Dance Theatre makes its first appearance in the Town Hall of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts on Sunday February 22nd. The first part of their program will be choreographed examples of how the company trains. The second half illustrates the wide spectrum of expression to which this training leads.

* The Town Hall of the St. Lawrence Centre will be filled with the sounds of jazz Sunday February 22nd.

During the Toronto Jazz Festival the program will be mostly contemporary and presented by Lennie Breau (guitar), Don Thompson (piano), Terry Clarke (drums), Smitty (organist), Brian Russel (alto), Rick Homme (bass), Russ Little (trombone), Sonny Greenwich (guitar), and Alec Johnson (drums).

* The Irish Rovers will begin their 4th annual Sound of Ireland tour of the U.S. and Canada February 27th, playing nineteen cities and running through March 17th. The only Canadian date for this popular Irish show will be held in Toronto's Massey Hall on March 15th.

The Irish Rovers will be featuring Tommy Makem, formerly with The Clancy Brothers, who will have guest star billing for the entire tour.

WHEN WRITERS 'RAP' WASHINGTON. - Herman Woulk (right wearing yarmulka) helps inaugurate a two-month, coast-to-coast lecture tour for fellow writer Elie Wiesel at a reception at the B'nai B'rith Building. Wiesel, whose latest novel, "A Beggar in Jerusalem," was recently published to wide critical acclaim, visited 23 American and Canadian cities for B'nai B'rith's adult Jewish education program.

Woulk told a large gathering that Wiesel has the "guts and inspiration" to draw the themes of the Holocaust, Israel and the Jewish people's relationship to God "into a blazing knot. . . I have had my soul awakened by his work."

THEATER IN TORONTO

By Stephanie J. Davids

ZORBA- A GLIMPSE OF GREASE

Greece' all-out campaign to attract the tourist industry is to no avail if the production, Zorba, now running at O'Keefe Center, reflects the country's pace. Theme is obvious: the worst death is the one we die by not living every day.

However, if we are to grasp everything life has to offer, it's a pity to waste time sitting through this play. The action, or rather, lack of it, gives rise to a three-hour yawning session for many in the audience.

Spurts of enjoyment are noted in John Raitt's and Chita Rivera's respective performances. Barbara Baxley's French accent sounds more like Jose Jiminez' Mexican twang.

No show involving Greece is complete without an exotic dancer plus the powerful beat of drums and tambourines. The latter contributes a spark of life but, as for the former, I've seen more interesting specimens at the Victory Theater's amateur reviews.

Scenery, though obviously costly, lacks one essential ingredient: color. Let's face it. Basic black, however tasteful at a party, isn't so evecatching as flaming red chiffon. Likewise a beige and black background does not keep one from going to sleep.

As usual, accoustics at O'Keefe are poor. This results in an abundance of loose threads in the final sitting. For what's the difference whether three or five threads hang loosely from a hem? The producers of Zorba certainly were negligent when they sewed up the seams.

SPRING THAW '70 IS A NEW BAG. - Left to Right: Rosemary Radcliffe, Jerelyn Homer, Trudy Desmond, Nicole Morin.

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HAIFA COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY

Haifa (JCNS). - Israel's first comprehensive university - a union between the Technion, the Hebrew university college and the new medical school here - will become a reality within three years.

This was forecast by the Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Moshe Flieman, who recently gave his agreement for the merger of the city's three institutions of learning. He stressed, however, that academic, administrative and financial problems would have to be faced.

The Government has approved the merger, as did the Technion's board of governors.

Practical steps would be taken immediately to help to speed up the merger by coordinating the programs of the three institutions, the Mayor said.

Meanwhile, it has been announced that due to the extensive building program, Haifa is expected to be one of the few Israeli cities not to suffer from the shortage of housing for new immigrants.

Nearly 4,500 new homes have already been built, capable of taking a sizeable number of the 60,000 newcomers expected in Israel in the course of the year.

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ARRESTED TURKS "CONFESS" TO TERRORIST TRAINING

Istanbul (JCNS). - Twelve Turks and one Iranian arrested in southern Turkey are reported to have confessed to being members of El Fatah terrorist organization. A six-strong group mostly Leftist students, were first held at Diyarbakir after illegally crossing the Syrian border.

They are alleged to have told police that they had been trained at a camp near Amman in Jordan and had received instructions to take part in sabotage activities against American military depots and the American and Israeli diplomatic missions in Turkey. A second group of seven members were arrested later. They are alleged to have told police that "there are at least 100 El Fatah members in Turkey."

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AMERICAN NEGROES ARE NOT ANTISEMITES, SAYS MRS. KING

London (JCNS).-Antisemitism in America is not on the increase, Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, declared in London.

Mrs. King said that often, particularly in New York, the only White people whom the Negroes encountered were Jews. "But their protest is against the white establishment, not against the Jews."

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M.P. REFUTES CHARGES OF TORTURE IN ISREAL

London (JCNS). - "There is no truth whatsoever in the allegations of torture and ill-treatment of Arab detainees or prisoners in Israel," declared Dr. Maurice Miller, M.P.

Dr. Miller recently returned from a fact-finding mission to Israel made by the Labor Friends of Israel in Britain.

He was speaking at a meeting in the House of Commons when several members of the mission reported on their impressions and findings.

Apart from the occasional "roughing up" of Arab suspects rounded up after a terrorist outrage - no different from police behavior in any country, even under less trying circumstances - there was no evidence of ill-treatment, he stated.

Dr. Miller, who visited Nablus prison and interviewed several dozen Arab detainees, brought back a large number of recorded statements to prove how exaggerated and unfounded were the allegations of torture.

Israel's achievements in social and economic policy, health and welfare, and the role played by the Histadrut and its Afro-Asian Institute were praised by all the speakers. They included Mr. Arthur Lewis, M.P., Mr. Edward Perry, M.P., and Mr. Rodney Balcomb, assistant general secretary of the Socialist International.

Mr. Lewis, who had previously visited several Arab capitals, said that he heard in Cairo from high-ranking Egyptians that the aim of Arab policy was to exterminate Israel.

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REWARD FOR ARSONISTS

HAMBURG - West Germany's largest daily newspaper has offered an additional $7,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of arsonists who burned down a home for elderly Jews in Munich recently killing seven of its residents. "Chase them until they are under lock and key," said the headline in Hamburg's Bild-Zeitung. The paper said there are two clues to the crime: a 4 1/2 gallon gasoline can and some brown wrapping paper found at the scene of the crime.

Rewards totalling $20,500 have been offered by the West German interior ministry and the city of Munich.

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AMERICAN SOCIALISTS URGE NIXON TO AID ISRAEL

New York (JCNS). - The Socialist Party of America has severely criticized the Nixon Administration for "weakening the U.S. commitment to Israel" thus bolstering the Arab belief "that they have everything to gain by refusing to make peace."

The statement, issued by the chairman of the party, Michael Harrington, called on Washington to furnish economic aid to Israel.

Furthermore, it said, if the Soviet Union refused to "accept binding guarantees for a bilateral cessation of arms shipments to both sides," then the U.S. must provide Israel with "military assistance sufficient to dispel Arab illusions that a fourth war with Israel would be to their advantage."

The Socialist Party, which was founded by Eugene V. Debs and headed by the late Norman Thomas for many years, is a member of the Socialist International, the federation of Social-Democratic parties throughout the world.

The International has maintained full support for the existence and national integrity of Israel.

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NEW ISRAELI PIPELINE

Elath - Israel's giant oil pipeline - built to bypass the Suez Canal and link the Red Sea port with Ashkelon, on the Mediterranean - now is in operation, officials announced. An official said the project, designed eventually to pump 60,000,000 tons of oil a year over the 163 miles to Ashkelon, now is being operated at a rate of only 19,000,000 tons annually. Oil is being pumped at only 40 percent of the pressure for which the pipeline was designed because of several leaks now under repair at various sectors, he said. Storage deposit facilities at the port of Ashkelon include several 49,000-ton capacity tanks which began filling recently after pumps started to push crude oil through the 42-inch pipeline.

The Elath terminal will be served by tankers varying in size from 40,000 to 125,000 ton capacity, while the Ashkelon oil depot is designed to serve tankers of 35,000 to 75,000 ton capacity. Later, giant 250,000 ton tankers will be able to operate at Elath and 125,000 ton tankers at Ashkelon.

The project was planned following the closure of the Suez canal during the six-day 1967 Israel-Arab war.

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"ISRAEL CAN MANAGE DESPITE ANY EMBARGO", SAYS GENERAL CHOREV

Tel Aviv (JCNS).-"Israel is capable of withstanding any embargo, even a prolonged one, since her own military industries can satisfy all her current needs. Thus, anyone hoping to break Israel by means of an arms embargo, is in for a disappointment."

After making this statement in Taas, the publication of Israel's military industries, Brigadier-General Amos Chorev, the General Staff's supply chief, added that the country's stocks, together with the output of its military industries, could meet Israel's needs, even in the case of total war.

Of course, he said, "some problems will arise, but I am confident that we shall be in a position to cope with them." Israel now manufactures 60 percent of all the ammunition she needs, and self-sufficiency in mortars is not far away, Brigadier-General Chorev di. osed.

The development of new weapons, he concluded, would lead to the application of new tactics. Britain's refusal to supply Chieftain tanks would not affect the fighting capacity of the armored corps.

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NEW BELGIAN AMBASSADOR FOR ISRAEL

Antwerp (JCNS).-The Israeli Government has approved the appointment of Mr. F. Willem as the Belgian Ambassador to the Jewish State in succession to Mr. G. Cassiers. Mr. Willem has served for the last two years as his country's ambassador to the Soviet Union, and he was formerly ambassador to Algeria.

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MONTREAL OBITUARIES

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BASKIND, HARRY. - On February 20th, late of 5761 Henri de Balzac, Cote St. Luc.

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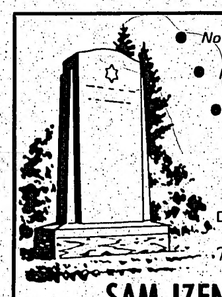

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WHO IS A JEW

DEBATE CONTINUES

By MOSHE RON

Tel Aviv - The verdict of the majority of the High Court of Justice in the Shalit case and the new law regarding the question, Who is a Jew? continue to stir the Israeli public. Opinions about the verdict and the law are divided yet both sides feel that the procedure of conversion should be alleviated.

None of the leaders of the Labor Party or other nonreligious personalities and parties have attacked the Chief Rabbinate in such strong language about this matter as did the leader of the National Religious Party, Moshe Haim Shapiro, and the two other cabinet ministers of the Party, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig and Dr. Josef Burg.

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Party, the Chief Rabbis of Israel and members of the rabbinate were criticized for their attitude to some religious problems, namely: the procedure of conversion; kashrut in the state.

Minister Shapiro said the Chief Rabbis are enclosed in their fortress on the Olympus of Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem; they are indifferent to what is happening around them. This attitude weakens the religious life in Israel and creates hatred towards religion and traditional Jewry. Instead of trying to find a peaceful coexistence between religious and nonreligious Jewry and strengthening the unity between the State of Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world, these rabbis do everything to place difficulties in the path of conversion for women wanting to become Jewish. It often happens that such women must wait months, even years, until they are allowed to convert.

This sort of attitude provokes disrespect of the citizen towards the religion and the rabbis.

There were cases where daughters of non-Jewish mothers serving in the Israeli army and wanting to convert had to wait a long time for the approval of the rabbinate.

Minister Shapiro declared: "The rabbis do no let live. They have forgotten that we now are in our own state, not in a small village in the Galut ... For centuries many rabbis have introduced easier means in the procedure of conversion while the Israeli rabbinate adopts stern measures. The National Religious Party always has fought a common struggle with the rabbinate concerning religious issues. I should like to see how far the rabbinate here would have gotten without the assistance and support of our Party, and what attitude the leftist and nonreligious groups adopt in such a situation toward the rabbinate."

The Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, who participated at the meeting of the Chief Rabbinate after the verdict of the High Court of Justice in the Shalit case, was requested to leave. The rabbis personally attacked the Chief of Justices. They decided the registration officials should disregard the verdict. This decision was criticized sharply by Minister Shapiro.

Some rabbis, such as the leader of Mizrachi, Rabbi Fishel Tehorsch, and Rabbi Shaul Israeli, defended the position of the rabbinate and criticized the leaders of the Mafdal. They contended that the Chief Rabbis they "torpedoed" the passing of a Sabbath law in the Knesset because they did not wish to recognize the status quo in religious affairs, in force since the British Mandate. The rabbis insisted on strengthening the laws for the keeping of the Sabbath with the slogan: "Either everything or nothing" ... They refused to compromise; therefore there still is no Sabbath law in Israel. The leaders of the Mafdal also pointed out the chaos in the field of kashrut: in some hotels, religious Jews may eat; in others, not.

Minister Dr. Burg criticized the stand of the Chief Rabbinate in the issue of enlistment of Yeshiva scholars into the Israeli army. This position has created a serious situation in which part of the population cannot tolerate Yeshiva scholars who refuse to enlist in the army together with the youth of the country and some of religious Jewry of the Mafdal and Poale Agudat Israel.

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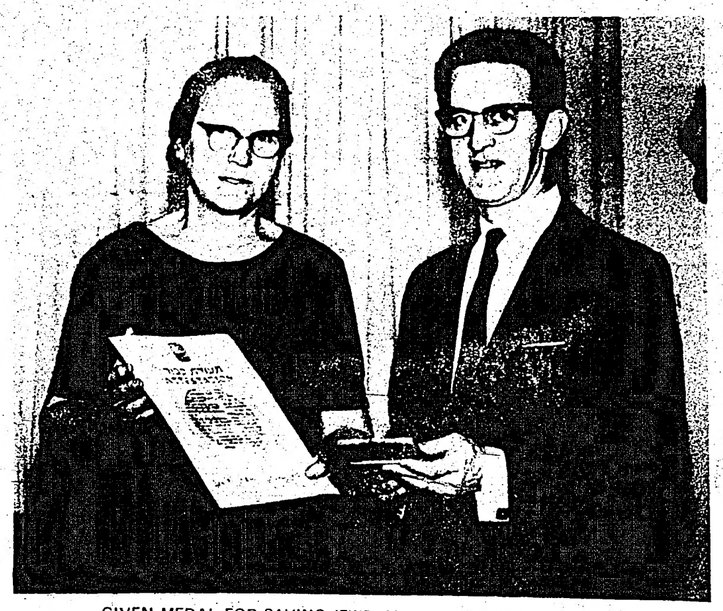
The entire Israeli press is busy with the difficulties in the process of conversion in cases of mixed marriages. Many women who wished to convert became tired of the long procedure and postponements; they left the country.

The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Itzhaq Nissim, published a declaration, stating that two years ago he had appealed to the Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, to establish special courts for the conversion of women and children of mixed marriages. The Minister said he had no budget for this. Chief Rabbi Unterman opposed the proposal.

Now it is hoped that a court for that purpose will be established and the procedure of conversion alleviated.

The new law also states that non-Jewish women converted by Conservative rabbis will be regarded as Jews. The same applies to converted men and children. Up to now the rabbinate had authorized only conversions by Orthodox rabbis. In Israel, 600 men and women were converted to Judaism in 1969. There are another 1,500 applications for conversion pending



GIVEN MEDAL FOR SAVING JEWS.- Mrs. Bronislava Majewsla. who helped save several Jews from the Nazis in Poland, is given a medal by the Israeli Consul-General in Toronto.

HELPED SAVE JEWS

The Consul-General of Israel in Toronto, Dr. Aba Gefen, presented a medal of the "Righteous" to Mrs. Bronislava Majewska, of Toronto, who lived in Poland during the Second World War. The "Righteous" are Gentiles who saved Jews at the risk of their own lives.

Mrs. Majewska and her brother, Francisek Pikalski, who still lives in Poland, saved the lives of several Jews. In recognition of their humanitarian deeds they have been granted the medal by Yad Vashem, Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Israel. The medal gives both artistic and symbolic expression to the Talmudic saying: "He who saves a single being saves a whole world."

BROTHERS ALL

by Ruthie

The Russians were the first to discover America and the first to launch successfully the Sputnik — so they say. Now, to top it off, their Communist-brethren, the Chinese, lay claim to Sholem Aleichem as their own.

At least thirty of Sholem Aleichem's best known stories have been translated into Chinese; research papers, monographs and essays about his work have appeared recently in Chinese magazines.

In a letter (which contains this information) from the Chinese Writers Union to the Soviet Yiddish magazine, *Sovietish Heimland*, the writer requests all of the author's works which have been translated into Russian. The letter explains the Yiddish writer's popularity thus:

"Sholem Aleichem is considered to be one of our writers."

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Nu, 'siz untz goot (we have it good)! When Sholem Aleichem was alive, I'm sure no one questioned the validity of his birth to Jewish parents. Now I wonder whether he's turning over in his grave because the Chinese are considering him theirs. Well, that's the price you pay for immortality — everybody owns you, even posthumously.

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I wish I knew what the Chinese plan to do with Tevya, Sholem Aleichem's beloved fictitious character. Will he become a second Confucius, filling the bellies of about eight-hundred-million people with homey philosophy?

"Starve today; nobody eat when dead anyway."

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They're shrewd, these Chinese. They know a good thing when they see it. How much do you bet that their next adopted son will be Hayim Nahman Bialik, national Jewish poet? With him they'll acquire a new national anthem, Bialik's *nigun* (melody).

They talk in sing-song fashion. It would be natural for them to stand at attention and lustily sing. *la*, la la la, la la la la, la *la*, la la *la la*. And with an added bonus — no "r's".

Which brings us to the swapping business. Along with chicken chow mein, Americans consume gobs of *flied lice*. Since the letter "r" is a Chinese hazard, these venerable people, in return, probably will lean towards Jewish cuisine. With "l" their favorite letter, it is reasonable to assume that *cholent*, *kugel* and *latkes* will become Chinese delicacies.

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I, for one, am for it. Bearing in mind, "a dog licks the hand that feeds it," it is possible that our lowly *cholent*, *kugel* and *latke* could be the weapons which would turn the Chinese from the *Lussians*.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

Allergic to In-Laws

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION:

My daughter and her husband have a three-year-old son.

The problem is that they live on the same floor as my son-in-law's parents. Whenever we go there, my son-in-law leaves to visit either them or neighbors. He doesn't show us the courtesy that is due us as as his wife's parents.

I overlook this and try to be friendly, but my husband has stopped speaking to him. I know this is upsetting to my daughter. She has allergies – asthma, etc. But she is allergic to my dog. Therefore, they can't come to visit us. My husband goes to see them less than he did before.

My husband has high blood pressure and I don't want to aggravate his condition.

ANSWER:

While psychological factors may not be the basic factors causing allergies, there usually is a psychological component present in any allergic condition.

In the case of the asthmatic child, it is the mother who usually takes over completely as far as the child's rearing and discipline is concerned. Constant supervision and total hovering protectiveness have some benefits but then the child gets to feel smothered by it.

She is afraid to rebel, for fear that the good things she gets will be taken from her. So she says what she has to say in "body language." She will come up with an allergic attack, heaving and gasping to catch her breath if it is asthma, or if it is a skin allergy, she will break out in hives or other skin lesions.

At one time, it was felt that a change of climate would be good for a child suffering from asthma. Then it became clear that it was the climate and atmosphere in the home, which has to be changed for the child to be helped.

Whatever the reason for getting a dog and it may have been because you were lonely now that your daughter was married, you knew of her allergy and that she could no longer come to visit in your home, as long as the dog was there.

To your son-in-law, it may have seemed that by taking a dog into the house, you were dispossessing your daughter for good. This meant that all of your visits must now take place at her home, where they were always the hosts and you the guests, who had to be listened to and waited on. This may have been seen as a burden by your son-in-law, and a total lack of consideration for his wife.

His parents may be more helpful and considerate of your daughter than you are, if only because they live so close by. By leaving his home to see his parents when you are visiting, he is conveying the message that even though his parents live on the same floor of the same building, they make fewer demands on him and his wife than you do.

Although seemingly directed against your son-in-law, your husband's anger may really be meant for you, because you closed your door on your daughter and her family. Inability to express such anger directly can accumulate with in a person and affect his blood pressure. Not talking to your daughter's husband while visiting, doesn't make your husband feel any stronger or more manly. The threat that his blood-pressure could go up even higher is his way of communicating to you that the present procedure has to be changed, and that he does not approve of seeing your daughter only on her home grounds.

Perhaps you hesitate to bring this matter out into the open, because you fear being told that, as others see it, the dog is more important to you than your daughter and grandchild. But most of all you fear having to make a choice between your daughter and the dog.

Shown the love and consideration which your son-in-law feels you are not giving enough of to his wife and family, he would become more courteous and hospitable.

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

BETH JACOB

Installation of officers took place last week at the Beth Jacob Sisterhood. The program included a cantata; "An Israeli Treat" narrated by Mrs. M. (Chaya) Blumenfeld with choral ensemble.

BETH EMETH

A spaceman will lead fashions into the '70s at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda fashion show on Sunday, March 8th.

He will be Frankie Warner, husband of Marge, the tea convenor; wearing an authentic spacesuit that was flown in from California with the cooperation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for educational purposes.

The show will feature men's, women's and teenage fashions and a collection of gold jewelry as well as an art show of oils and sketches by Joy Orzy.

Recipe for the week

SWEET MEAT BALLS FOR COUSCOUS

1 1/2 lbs. ground lean meat
1 small onion, peeled and grated
2 tbs. chopped parsley
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup tomato juice
1/2 cup matzoh meal or bread crumbs
Salt and freshly ground pepper
4 tbs. vegetable oil
6 onions, thinly sliced
4 cups water
1/2 cup raisins, soaked in warm water until plumped
8 prunes, soaked in warm water until softened
1 cup blanched almonds
1 lb. peeled prepared fresh pumpkin, cut into 2-inch pieces, if available
1/2 to 1 cup brown sugar, depending on sweetness desired
1 ts. ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place meat in a mixing bowl and add grated onion, parsley, egg and matzoh meal. Blend and add the tomato juice, salt and pepper. Knead until smooth. Add one tablespoon of the oil and knead again. Shape into small balls.

Cook onions in the remaining oil until tender and brown. Add the water and bring to a boil. Add salt to taste. Drop the meat balls, one at a time, into simmering liquid; simmer until firm.

Pour the meat balls and broth into a baking dish and add drained raisins and prunes. Add almonds and pumpkin. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon and bake until golden brown and all the liquid disappears.

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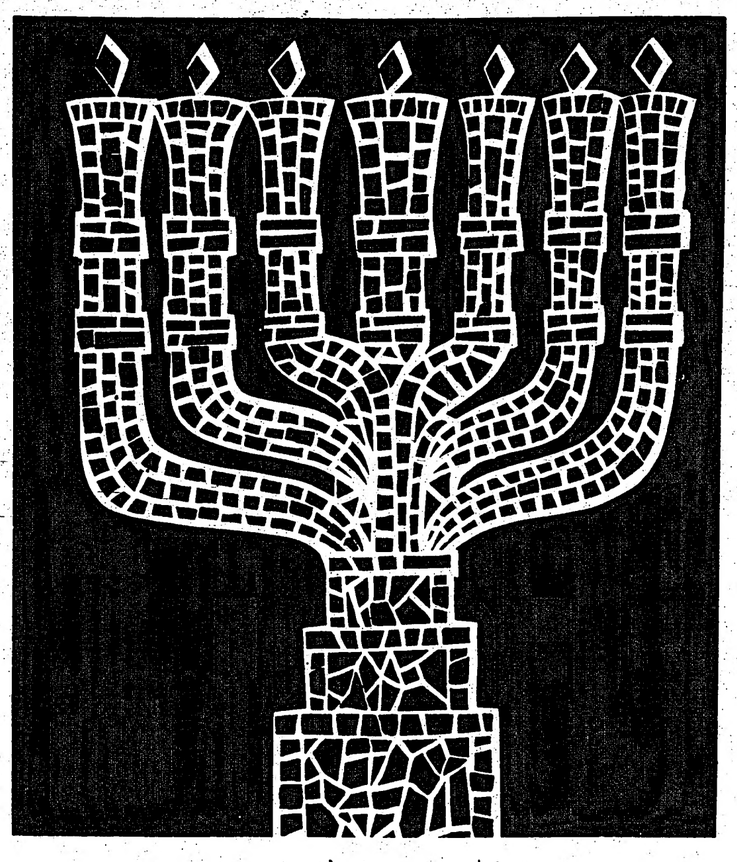

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That thou quench not the light of Israel. (Samuel II, 21, 17)

Half-million tourists is Israel's target

By DAVID PELA

Tourism is Israel's biggest source of foreign revenue. In the past year it has ousted that traditional money-spinner, citrus, from the top of the table of foreign currency earnings.

This is a bitter blow to the Arabs, who have lost the bulk of their own tourist traffic. For one of their main aims has been to scare holidaymakers from visiting Israel and from patronising El Al.

In fact, their campaign has had a boomerang effect. Tourist traffic to Israel continues at a tremendously high level and should soon reach an annual figure of half a million. The bulk of the traffic is Jewish, mostly from the United States (understandably because of that country's vast Jewish population), with Britain in second place.

Jewish holidaymakers have learned to ignore newspaper headlines about the Middle East. The many tourists who go there regularly—not only for emotional or sentimental reasons but because they know from experience that Israel is a good holiday area—are well aware that conditions are normal in Israel itself and that the incidents reported in the press are generally far distant from the tourist belt.

The continued influx of tourists is, of course, important economically to a hard-pressed people having to spend such a high proportion of its income on defence. But it is equally important from the psychological viewpoint. There is nothing more heartening to the people of Israel than to have this regular contact with Jews from abroad.

El Al, whioh has a remarkable safety record in the air, has been a major target for Arab terrorists, but additional precautions now being taken both by the airline and airport authorities should eliminate this problem. In future, there will be tight point-to-point security, which means that passengers will be protected from the time they check in until they reach their destination.

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